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### Sexually Transmitted Disease Program

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#### Purpose

The Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Program of the Department of Health is responsible for receiving all reports of venereal diseases for appropriate epidemiological follow-up to prevent the spread of gonorrhea, syphilis, and other sexually transmitted diseases.

State laws (N.J.S.A. 26:4-38 and 26:4-39) require that physicians, nurses, state county or municipal hospitals, sanatoriums, other public or private institutions, or other persons treating a venereal disease make referrals to the State Department of Health.

The STD Program provides the following services:

- technical assistance and consultation to public and private health care providers;
- disease counseling to individuals diagnosed with venereal disease;
- disease counseling to referrals of contacts exposed to venereal disease;
- provisions of medication to treat all public clinic venereal disease patients;
- insurance of adequate treatment and follow-up of patients with gonorrhea and syphilis; and
- preparation and provision of morbidity reports to determine trends.

The STD Program administers this program through five field offices.

The field offices of the STD Program:

- receive reports of sexually transmitted diseases;
- confirm the diagnosis by ascertaining proper tests and results supporting the diagnosis;
- confirm adequate treatment for the disease diagnosed using the Department of Health's recommended treatment schedule as a standard;
- ensure that the client receives a test-of-cure and follow-up treatment; and
- interview for sexual contacts and do epidemiological follow-ups.

In addition to the above-mentioned services of the program, the Department of Health STD program is cooperating in reporting to CP&P possible sexual abuse of children found to have venereal disease. CP&P is also responsible for cooperating with the STD Program if a child known to CP&P is diagnosed as having a sexually transmitted disease. All contacts made by the STD Program are strictly confidential. See [CP&P-II-B-1-900](#).

#### Eligibility

Anyone is eligible for services offered by the STD Program. There is no fee for services.